



JOINT MEDIA STATEMENT OF THE TWENTY-SECOND ASEAN-REPUBLIC OF KOREA CUSTOMS CONSULTATION

Phnom Penh, Cambodia
3 June 2026

1. The 22nd ASEAN-Republic of Korea Customs Consultation was held on 3 June 2026, in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. The Consultation was co-chaired by Mr. Chan Sopheap, Deputy Director-General, General Department of Customs and Excise of Cambodia, and Mr. Min Han, Director-General of the International Affairs Bureau, Korea Customs Service (KCS), and was attended by all ASEAN Member States (AMS), the KCS, and the ASEAN Secretariat.
2. We expressed concern over the continued tensions in the Middle East and their impact on international trade and global supply chains. The escalating conflict heightened volatility in global energy markets, disrupted trade flows, and created uncertainty for businesses due to higher logistics costs and rising prices of energy and other essential goods. We reaffirmed our commitment to maintaining and enhancing supply chain resilience to absorb the impact of external shocks, strengthening coordinated procedures to mitigate risks, and supporting the continuity of private sector operations.
3. We recognised the benefits to be derived from greater digital connectivity, and reiterated the importance of strengthening single window connectivity between ASEAN Customs and Korea Customs through intensifying engagement and dialogue. We looked forward to the close cooperation on Single Window between the two sides to advancing inter-regional trade digitalisation.
4. We looked forward to more trade facilitative provisions being proposed and included in the Customs Procedures and Trade Facilitation (CPTF) Chapter under the upgrade negotiation of the ASEAN-Korea Free Trade Area (AKFTA), which will further enhance trade between ASEAN and the Republic of Korea.
5. We congratulated Korea Customs for the successful Operation Pacific Shield II in 2025, which resulted in substantial seizure cases of illicit narcotics. We looked forward to the successful outcome of Operation Pacific Shield III.
6. We welcomed the endorsement of the Terms of Reference (ToR) for the Cooperation Between ASEAN Customs and KCS on the Timely Exchange of Information on Illegal and Dangerous Drugs. We encouraged both ASEAN Customs and Korea Customs to commence the implementation of the cooperation mechanism by June 2026, and actively exchange intelligence under the cooperation mechanism to strengthen regional cooperation and effectively combat illicit trade in the region.

7. We looked forward to deepening collaboration between the two sides in advancing customs agenda in the future.

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